

# **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**Department Head:** George A. Fetko, Director  
**Department Location:** 375 Hartford Turnpike (Rt. 30)  
**Department Phone:** 860-870-3500  
**Fax:** 860-870-3505  
**Public Works Hotline:** 860-870-3506  
**Office Hours:** 7 AM - 3:30 PM Monday through Friday



The Public Works Department provides the residents of Vernon with a wide range of services, of which the demand grows each year, due to steady residential and commercial development. The Director oversees the Public Works Department with three Foremen, a Refuse/Recycling Supervisor and a Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance Supervisor, who supervise 38 employees. An Administrative Secretary, Administrative Clerk and a Clerk Dispatcher staff the Public Works Office.

The maintenance and repair of approximately 125 miles of town-owned roads, storm sewers on town-owned roads and rights-of-way, refuse and recycling collection, operation of the transfer station, all traffic and street sign maintenance, snow plowing and ice removal, street sweeping and maintenance, and the general maintenance of 22 town-owned buildings and properties are just a few of the many priorities for which the Public Works Department is responsible.

One of the three foremen also serves as the Town Tree Warden and oversees problems that involve town-owned trees in addition to supervising the trimming, care and removal of trees throughout our town.

The Public Works Department also provides special services for the residents such as scheduled bulky/metal pickups, the spring sweeping program and the fall leaf collection. Another service that most residents are unaware of is that the Public Works Department is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for all department-related emergencies such as snow plowing and sanding, flooding during rainstorms, road-related problems, and assisting the Police and Fire Departments during their emergencies.

The Hotline (870-3506) was instituted in Fall 2004 to give residents up-to-date information on services provided by the department.